

SENATE BILL 1797

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 4, relative to subsurface sewage disposal systems.

WHEREAS, scientific testing of disposal systems by Tennessee Technological University has determined that effluent filters effectively decrease solids carryover to the absorption field by an average of thirty percent (30%) or more, resulting in a longer life for the absorption field, saving the property owner potentially thousands of dollars and protecting the environment; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-221-418.

An approved effluent filter is required for each new subsurface sewage disposal system that utilizes a pump for the distribution delivery of effluent to the disposal system.

To be approved, effluent filters must meet the following criteria:

(1) Filtration devices for septic systems must be certified by NSF

International or an organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to determine compliance with the requirements of ANSI/NSF

standard 46 *Evaluation of Components and Devices Used in Wastewater Treatment Systems*, including Section 10 of Standard 46 *Filtration devices for residential gravity flow septic systems*; and

(2) Effluent filter housings must provide the equivalent protection of a standard outlet tee or baffle in the event that the filter cartridge is removed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring

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